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Overview

Minnesota eliminated categorical funding for pupil transportation during the 1995 Legislative session. However, districts are still required to keep track of transportation expenses by category and by type of transportation for a variety of purposes, including the calculation of special education revenue for qualifying pupil transportation services.

This bill authorizes school districts to allocate pupil transportation expenses to the various transportation categories based upon the actual contract rates, if those rates are consistent with cost-per-hour, cost-per-mile, cost-per-route, or cost-per student methods of allocating cost. The bill allows the Department of Education to reclassify a school district's pupil transportation expenses if the contract rates are inconsistent with those reported by similarly situated districts and if the district cannot demonstrate an appropriate rationale for the difference.

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